

Calendar of Events 2004

C. J. Brown Dam & Reservoir/Buck Creek State Park



May 1 - **Keep America Beautiful Day!** Help C. J. Brown and join our Country's national campaign to keep our public lands and parks clean and beautiful. Help us beautify the reservoir by planting flowers, picking up litter, plus other activities!

Corps of Engineers Visitor Center - 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m.

To register call 937-325-2411.

May 8 – **Feathered Jewels:** C.J. Brown Reservoir has been designated an “Important Bird Area” by Audubon Ohio. A large number of bird species either make their homes here, or stop here to rest and feed before continuing their migrations. May 8th is International Migratory Bird Day. Take a walk through the fields and forests of C.J. Brown to find some of our beautiful spring visitors. Early May is the peak of migration for many songbirds that spend the winter in Central and South America. We should see several species of Warblers, as well as Orioles, Vireos, Thrushes, and Tanagers. Participants should wear their hiking shoes and bring binoculars if you have them.

Corps of Engineers Visitor Center - 8:00 am to 11:00 a.m.



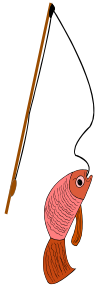
June 5 - **Kids' Fishing Derby**

This is a fun event for children 16 and under. Come out and catch some fish, you might even win a prize! Bring your own fishing poles and tackle, bait will be provided.

Registration required, limited to 50 participants.

Corps of Engineers Visitor Center - 10:00 am to 11:00 a.m.

To register, or for more information, call 937-325-2411.



June 19 - **Snakes: Scaly Monsters? or Beautiful Animals?**

Many people hate and fear snakes. At this program you will get to see some of the snakes of C.J. Brown Reservoir up close, and learn about their amazing lives. We will separate fact from fiction regarding snakes and some of the tall tales that are told about them. Hopefully you will see that snakes are really not evil, ugly monsters, but beautiful, fascinating creatures worthy of our respect and admiration.

Corps of Engineers Visitor Center – 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

June 20 - **Crabill Homestead Open House:** Walk through this restored pioneer home of the late Federal period. The Crabills settled here from Virginia in the early 1800s and had a family of 12 children. The site is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. **Sponsored by the Clark County Historical Society 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

July 10-11 – **Christmas in July:** Buck Creek State Park will hold their annual Christmas in July celebration at the Campground. Decorate your campsite with a Christmas theme and you could win a prize! Other Christmas themed events include hayrides and making Christmas crafts.

Buck Creek State Park Campground Call 322-5284 for more details.



July 14 - **Owl Program & Release:** This is an excellent opportunity to gain some



knowledge about owls. Several live owls will be on hand, and rehabilitated owls from the Glen Helen Raptor Center will be released back to the wild. **Meet at the Visitor Center Overlook Area - 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

July (TBD) – **Butterfly Walk:** The Clark County Audubon Society is hosting a butterfly walk. This is a fun event and you will learn how to ID the many species that can be found in the park. **Meet at the parking lot between the Beach and the Boat Ramp 9:00 a.m.- noon**

July 17 – **Prairie Road Fen Walk:** Step back in time to the end of the last Ice Age. As the glaciers retreated, the Buck Creek valley was created. Most of the valley has since been farmed, but Prairie Road Fen is a reminder of what the valley used to look like. This is an alkaline fen wetland featuring year-round flowing springs, sedge meadows, prairie grasses, and prairie wildflowers. This is truly one of Clark County's natural treasures.



Meet at the Corps of Engineers Visitor Center We will carpool to the site due to limited parking access. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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July 24– **Summer Bash:** Come celebrate summer at Buck Creek State Park with fun events for the whole family.

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July 24– **Prairie Wildflower Walk:** August is a good month to explore the prairies at C. J. Brown. Most of the wildflowers will be in full bloom, making their identification easy. The tall prairie grasses will be starting to bloom among the wildflowers, giving you a glimpse of what early inhabitants of the Buck Creek valley would have seen. Sharp eyes should also be able to spot some of the amazing variety of animals which live among the grasses and flowers. **Corps of Engineers Visitor Center 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

August – **Marina Lottery Registration:** Dock spaces in the Marina are assigned

through a lottery system. To be eligible for the dock lottery, you must register in person at the State Park Office during the month of August. The lottery drawing will be held on 18 September.

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August 14– **Duck Blind Drawing:** The drawing for duck blind spots will be held at the Buck Creek State Park Office. You must be there in person to enter. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with the drawing at 9:00 a.m.

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September 4 – **Migrating Monarchs**

Learn about the amazing Monarch Butterfly. These fantastic insects fly to Mexico each Fall. We will be capturing some Monarchs and putting tags on them. The tags help MonarchWatch researchers at the University of Kansas track their movements, and learn even more about their complicated life cycle.

Corps of Engineers Visitor Center - noon to 1:30 p.m.

September 18 – **National Public Lands Day:** Take part in this nationwide volunteer effort to enhance and beautify your Public Lands. We will be cleaning up the shoreline and picnic areas. **Corps of Engineers Visitor Center - 10:00 a.m. – noon.**

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October 2 – 3 – **Fall Campout** at Buck Creek State Park Campgrounds
Decorate your campsite in a Halloween theme, hayrides and other activities.

Buck Creek State Park Campground - Call 322-5284 for more details.

October 9 - **Autumn Leaves: The Old Oak Woodlands of C.J. Brown**
Take a walk on the Buckhorn Trail through one of the oldest woodlands at the Reservoir. We will see some of the gigantic oaks, hickories, and walnuts which are the backbone of the forest. These big nut-producers provide food and shelter for wildlife of all kinds, and can tell us a story about this area's past. We will also see some of the problems these forest monarchs face in the future. **Meet at the Prairie View Recreation Area - 10:00 a.m.– noon**



December 18 - **Audubon Christmas Bird Count:** This annual event is a fun way to learn your winter birds, and meet other local birders. You don't have to be an experienced birder to participate. The early count starts at 6:00 a.m. for calling owls. The main count begins at 7:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided at noon in the Corps of Engineers maintenance shop building. Dress for the weather, and bring binoculars if you have them.

Clark County Audubon Society – Call 937-324-1871 for more details

Meet at the parking lot at the corner of Croft Rd. and Robert Eastman Rd.